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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Already our year has been a busy one. A cake stall was held on 14th February raising nearly \$200 which will be used to purchase further research material for the Library. The response from members in supplying cakes etc for the stall was terrific and thanks to Helen and Nicole Hanger for running it.

On 18th February, several of our members were in attendance at the Coach House for a visit by representatives of our landlord, the National Australia Bank. The Regional Manager and Branch Manager of the Bank were very impressed with the refurbishment of the building.

We also had a visit from the newly appointed Local Studies Librarian of Wollondilly Public Library, John Daley. John has joined the Society and we look forward to working with him to ensure that a wide range of resources for local and family history study are available to researchers.

March was kicked off with members Marie Wonson, Helen Hanger, Gail Hanger and Colin Post attending the Thirlmere Steam Festival where the Society set up a "Hints on How to Trace your Family History" stall.

Coming up on the 16th of this month is a Rotary Conference at Campbelltown at which Picton, Camden & Campbelltown societies have been invited to put on a historical display of their areas. Patricia Shephard and Jan Ross are working on the display which will have a railway theme.

I hope you enjoy this current Journal and would remind members that contributions are always welcome. 'Happy Old Male' is with us again and while his identity will remain anonymous, I must tell you that he is a very strong supporter and worker for the Society as is his 'other half'.

Finally a reminder to members doing family research to send in their MEMBERS INTERESTS entries for inclusion in the directory. Entries received to date have been entered into a member's computer and the layout planned however we would like to see further entries submitted before we publish the directory.

Marlane Fairfax.

THIS MONTH MARKS THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF THE SOCIETY.

ALFRED ERNEST POST

Alfred Post was born at Redbank, (near Picton) New South Wales, on the 31st. August, 1855. -- the tenth born of seventeen children to James Post and Emily Herbert Scutt. Alfred was baptised in the Parish of Oaks and Stonequarry on 14th, October, 1855. by J. Tillingham, Wesleyan Minister, Camden Circuit.

On leaving Picton in the late 1860's, with the majority of his family, Alfred was to settle on his father's property at Billabong Creek, near Germanton (Holbrook), New South Wales. It is believed that Alfred remained with his family at Billabong until 1876, when, with his brothers, William, James Jnr., and George Alfred, he moved through the Tumbarumba district conducting a carrying business and prospecting. He then moved onto the Walwa and Bulla Creek areas in Victoria.

Mary Jane Manns was born at Young, New South Wales, on the 18th. June, 1860.

Alfred and Mary Jane were married at Bulla Creek, Victoria, on the 3rd. May, 1878. The marriage was performed by William Hill, Wesleyan Minister, in the presence of Isaac Manns and Sarah Fowler, of Bulla Creek, at the home of Isaac Manns.

Mary Jane being under the age of twenty one years was given permission to marry by her father, Isaac Manns.

After their marriage, Alfred and Mary Jane moved from Bulla Creek, back to Billabong, where he was to commence working for Mrs. McPhillany, on "Whyanawah Station". after the birth of their fifth child in 1886, they returned to the Picton district where they remained until after the birth of their sixth child, Manly, in 1888. The same year saw Alfred re-employed at "Whyanawah".

In 1890, Alfred was to take over the lease of "Cookarbine Station", at Doodle Cooma (Henty). This lease was sub-let to Alfred by Mrs. McPhillany, his former employer, for the sum of two peppercorns per year as rent.

The period of the lease was to run for three years, after which time, if certain improvements had been carried out to the satisfaction and approval of Mrs. McPhillany, the full lease, held in her name, would be given over to Alfred for his loyal service to "Whyanawah".

"Cookarbine" was stocked with stud sheep, and Alfred, always believing he had to be in on the ground floor, erected a modern shearing shed on the property, and installed a hydraulic wool press, believed to be the first of its kind to be purchased in the district. Most farmers in the area were to use this shed at shearing time.

On the 14th. April, 1892, Alfred selected 52 acres of land, under the Conditional Purchases Act, at Buckaringah, Henty, and began grain farming. He was again the first in the district to purchase a

stripper-harvester. 1893 saw these 52 acres mortgaged to John Joseph Sarong.

1895 saw the start of one of the most severe droughts in Australian History, sheep numbers were cut to half, and Alfred's losses were so great he was forced to sell his property at Buckaringah to John Joseph Sarong, for the sum of ninety seven pounds. This sale took place on the 25th. February, 1898.

In trying to recoup some of his losses, Alfred took up a further 45 acres, 2 roods, under the Conditional Purchases Act, on 24th. January, 1901, and began farming this section.

The drought came to its end in 1903 and Alfred selected 120 acres and also a conditional lease of 361 acres, at Yerong Creek. By 1907, not having fully recovered from the drought, he was forced to sell these holdings to Gordon Snodgrass Kelly, a grazier of Yerong Creek, for the sum of one thousand and fifty four pounds.

During the following two years, Alfred and his son, Elliott, held a contract trans-shipping goods for the Department of Railways at the Albury goodsyards.

In 1909 he leased a farm in Union Lane, Albury, where he was to remain for the following twelve months, he then returned to Cookarbine to "sort of pick up the pieces". Cookarbine by this time, was being leased by Carl Wilhelm Kleeman (later to become Alfred's son-in-law) and his two brothers. Renting a small house from Kleeman, Alfred and three of his sons, Elliott, Cleveland and Manly, worked at fencing and land clearing on "Whyanawah Station".

Moving back to Albury in 1910, he purchased a house in Ebdon Street and began working for a man named Toef as a caretaker of several houses in East Albury. He held this position until 1916, then commenced working for Mr. Nat Grey, on a property south of Albury, remaining there until his retirement.

Alfred and Mary Jane remained living at Ebdon St. until 1919. They then moved to Kieghtley Street, Henty, purchasing a home in Mary Jane's name. Alfred's time at Henty was spent by roaming around the district prospecting.

Both Alfred and Mary Jane were to die in the home at Kieghtley St, Mary Jane on the 26th. June, 1942, leaving the house to their son, Alfred Jnr. and daughter, Martha. Alfred Snr. died on the 25th. October, 1945. Both interments took place in the Henty Cemetery.

By Colin Post...

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IRISH FAMILY REUNION

Those of us who had European forbears whose families were well and truly established in Australia before 1850, probably had amongst them a number originating from Ireland. Since 1988 many families have organised huge reunions in Australia. Who wouldn't love the opportunity to visit the homeland of their ancestors and to meet other descendants of our Irish settlers.

As a child, I had always been intrigued by the fact that I had a French surname. It was not until I began delving into the family history, that I discovered that on my father's side, my French connection, which really was Swiss, and one other family, were the only ones that were not Irish. Some came voluntarily but most had no choice in the matter.

Having spent innumerable years researching my Swiss ancestor, [CHARLES (PIERRE) SAMUEL PERROTTET] with visits to his birthplace in Motier (Canton of Friborg, Switzerland), to his vineyard in the Barrabool Hills (Victoria) and even to the extent of hanging over the gatepost of his property in Trangie (New South Wales), I now have to contend with this inexplicable (or is it?) urge to investigate the backgrounds of my Irish forbears.

In May 1991 I attended the Sixth Australasian Congress of Genealogy and Heraldry in Launceston (Tasmania) and a week later THE IRISH ORIGINS CONFERENCE in Melbourne (Victoria). I fully expected the latter to be somewhat of an anti-climax but never have I been proven to be more wrong. It was unbelievable. The venue was The Lakeside, a reception centre situated in the midst of the Zoological Gardens. The organisation was superb, the speakers were marvellous and for those who had time to eat in between talking, the food was excellent. Even the monkeys had difficulty getting a word in edgeways.

The "Friends of the National Library" celebrated the bicentenary of the arrival of the first Irish convict ship, "The Queen" in October 1991, with yet another Irish seminar. This was entitled "IRELAND OVER THERE".

Over the past few years it has become evident that the Irish are endeavoring to strengthen their links with Australia. A number of heritage centres have been established in many of the counties. The Irish Gift to Australia in 1988 of the IRISH TRANSPORTATION RECORDS is just another example of the fact that the Irish recognise that so many of their kinfolk settled in Australia.

For those who can afford it, there is an "IRISH HOMECOMING FESTIVAL" to be held in September of this year.

According to the advertising literature:- "The Festival will draw descendants of over 100 clan names to Ireland from all over the world....It will be the first time so many different nationalities have come together for a festival of this type and over 10,000 family descendants are expected. The festival will embrace All Ireland, on a 32-county basis, and there will be activities and events throughout

the country....there will be specific clan events in each of the 32-counties of Ireland from where particular names originated".

Apparently the "CLANS OF IRELAND" began in November 1989, with a total of 18 CLANS. One of its objectives is to promote and develop the concept of CLANS AND CLAN RALLIES IN IRELAND. To date 146 Clans have registered with the Office.

Through the publicity for the "HOMECOMING FESTIVAL", I have already been in contact with the TIERNEY CLAN. Whether or not, I am able to attend the Festival, (maybe I might win Lotto and pigs might fly) I believe that all family historians would welcome the chance to attend a family reunion, especially one on such a massive scale.

My paternal grandmother, (MARGARET DARLING PERROTTET nee KELLY) who passed away in 1962 was an avid family historian, way back in the 1920s and 1930s. How she would have revelled in the wonderful records and repositories we have to-day. Wouldn't she have been in her element in the 1990s? How she would have loved to have been able to travel to the land of her ancestors and to exchange family anecdotes with distant relatives. What a fantastic experience for those fortunate to be in a position to visit Ireland during September 1992.

Jan Ross
15 February 1992

For further information contact:-
CLANS OF IRELAND LTD
2 Kildare Street
DUBLIN 2, IRELAND

WHAT ARE OLDIES WORTH

Remember old folks are worth a fortune with SILVER in their hair. GOLD in their teeth. STONES in their kidneys LEAD in their feet. GAS in their stomachs.

I have become a little older since I saw you last and a few changes have come into my life. Frankly I have become a frivolous old girl. I am seeing five gentlemen every day. As soon as I wake WILL POWER helps me out of bed. Then I go to see JOHN. Next its time for UNCLE TOBY to come along followed by BILLY T. They leave and ARTHUR RITIS shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't stay in one place very long as he takes me from joint to joint.

After such a busy day I'm really tired and go to bed with JOHNNY WALKER. Oh yes, I'm also flirting with AL ZYMER. The preacher called the other day, he said at my age I should be thinking of the 'HEREAFTER'. I told him "Oh I do all the time no matter where I am, If I am in the parlour, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement, I ask myself now what am I HEREAFTER?".

From Peg Gard

THE OTHER HALF

We are talking now about these absolutely dyed in the wool fanatics about Family History or other relics of the past.

Now, me, I can sort of take it or leave it, and sometimes I can assure you I would rather leave it. Is there anything worse than talking to someone who really does not hear you.

You know the situation--

Q. Dear, Are we eating out to-night?

A. I wonder if 1845 was the year Aunt Emily had her third baby.

Q. Do you think it would be O.K. if I took the next door neighbours wife with me?

A. That would be nice dear.

Q. Think it would be nice if I went away for a week or two?

A. That would be nice dear.

Q. Will it be O.K to buy that new Rolls Royce?

A. If you think so dear.

Q. Was 1873 the year of the Rhino in China?

A. 1873 was the year John Jones & Mary Smith got engaged and then the third son of Alfred was born. He was to grow up and be the Lord Mayor of what's it's name.

Gee, am I sorry I mentioned a date, thats like a red rag to a bull and they go on and on, research says they had Kellogs Corn Flakes for breakfast its all on reel 493/5 etc. etc.

The telephone rings and I am told that will be Mary Jo -- not the tennis player -- somebody from the Bullamakanka history society. Well-half an hour later- the conversation is finished. Oh! thank you Telecom for your economy rates.

Do you ever see that poor old fellow on television who is trying to get a set of wheels for his train and when it finally happens his wife says that's nice dear. Seems to me she means you silly old duffer. Feel familiar at all. Of course we have our little joys too. Like mowing the grass and polishing the car etc.

Well, I'm not one to complain. Aren't we fortunate we have something to occupy our minds and fill up the room with books, papers, journals, land grants, wills, births deaths and marriages. Ever feel you are an auxiliary of the Registrar General.

Don't stop. I can always watch television or play with my toy cars, and soon Friday night football will start and be careful you don't interrupt good ol' Rex Messup or whoever. See you next issue.

Your happy old male

DR. RICHARD LEWIS JENKINS Esq. M.R.C.S. J.P.
& NEPEAN TOWERS

Richard Lewis Jenkins was born in Bristol, across the River Severn from his ancestral homeland. His father, Richard, was from Newport, Monmouthshire, and his mother, Elizabeth Vaughan, from Caerphilly in neighboring Glamorganshire.

He came to Australia as medical officer on board the ship "James Moran" and practiced medicine in the Hunter River District of New South Wales. Dr. Jenkins expressed an interest in pastoral pursuits and acquired property along the Peel and Namoi Rivers, south-east of Tamworth.

In 1857 he moved to Sydney and was elected to the Legislative Assembly. During his time in politics Jenkins sided with the "Squatorcracy" in their efforts to prevent "free selection before survey". However, he was most outspoken over his belief in the need for "universal education", "placing within the reach of every child an intellectual, a moral, and a religious education".(1)

Dr. Richard Lewis Jenkins retired from political life in 1860 and moved his family to a property at East Bargo which he named "Nepean Towers". Originally it was called "Park Hall" and was the country residence of Sir Thomas Mitchell who died in 1855.

The foundations to Park Hall were laid in 1842. According to authors, Kerr and Broadbent, in their book, GOTHIC TASTE IN THE COLONY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, the design for the building was taken from a pattern-book, namely, Francis Goodwin's, RURAL ARCHITECTURE, design No.8, "a Villa in the Cottage Style". Thomas Mitchell commissioned the architect, James Hume, to supervise the construction and added certain modifications.(2)

The Illustrated Sydney News of 16/12/1864 stated:

The house is of fine freestone, built in the style of the Middle Ages, castellated with towers. One of the towers, sixty feet high, and adapted for astronomical observations, is a fine specimen of good masonry.

The illustration that accompanied this description shows a square tower which was built by Dr. Jenkins. Later he added a stone colonnade and chapel, thus noticeably changing the external appearance of Sir Thomas Mitchell's original design. A separate building containing a coach-house, stables, harness room, storeroom and cellars was also built by Jenkins. Unfortunately this beautiful and functional building was destroyed by a bush fire in 1923. (3)

Dr. Richard Lewis Jenkins married Mary Rae Johnstone, the daughter of Major Edward Johnstone of Her Majesty's 60th. Regiment, on 7 January, 1852, at St. Phillip's Church, Sydney.(4) When they moved to Nepean Towers they had five children. A further two daughters and two sons were born during the 1860's. Sadly, two infant sons, Richard Lewis

Junr. and Sydney, died at Nepean Towers and are buried in the Presbyterian Burial Ground in Sydney. (5)

A number of men worked on the Nepean Towers Estate. Many of them had families. Most moved on to other areas after a few years but some, such as the Blades and Fahey families, are still remembered in the district to-day.

The following is a list of men (certainly not all) who worked for Dr. Jenkins between 1860 and 1883: (6)

SAMUEL BECK	labourer
JOHN BLADES	
THOMAS BLADES	cattle overseer
AARON BOOTH	stonemason
THOMAS BUTLER	farm servant
JOHN BUTLER	chairmaker
THOMAS FAHEY	farm labourer
CHARLES F. GREEN	labourer
JOHN HOFFMAN	farmer
CONRAD IFFLAND	labourer
FRANCIS KELLER	labourer
CHRISTIAN KLUMPP	vinedresser
PETER KOCH	farmer
HENRY MILLAR	farmer (was seaman)
MOSES PENNINGTON	farm overseer
CHARLES REID	farmer
LUKE SMITH	gardener
FREDERICK WRIGHT	labourer
PETER WEIL	labourer

The farm overseer, Moses Pennington, was drowned while attempting to ford the Nepean River on horseback in June 1876. He is buried in St. Luke's graveyard at Wilton. He was aged 30 years and unmarried. (7)

The Nepean Towers Estate was approximately 5000 acres. Jenkins owned a further 800 acres at Douglas Park and two large runs, namely Moredevil Station on the Liverpool Plains (10,056 acres) and Boobera Station (3,652 acres). (8)

However, it was at Nepean Towers that he kept his prize herd of Durham Shorthorn cattle which were known throughout the colony. "R.L. Jenkins prize cow, 'Princess Royal'" and "prize Durham bull, 'Theodore'", each won first place at the Agricultural Exhibition held at Prince Alfred Park in Sydney in September, 1870, a year when the colony celebrated the centenary of Captain Cook's discovery of the eastern coast of Australia. The Illustrated Sydney News reported that in April of the same year, a bull, 'Royal Butterfly 6th', died and his skeleton "was given (as promised) to the Sydney Museum, where it is to remain as a model of a perfect shorthorn bull". (9)

During the time of Dr. Jenkins, Nepean Towers was also a centre for social activities. The most publicised event being the visit of Queen Victoria's second son, Prince Alfred, in February 1868. (10)

DUKE OF EDINBURGH - His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and suite, accompanied by his Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of Belmore and suite, Commodore and Mrs. Lambert, Miss Gladstone, the Honorable James Martin, the Honorable James Byrnes, and other gentlemen, went up by special train to Douglas Park last Saturday morning, where they were met by Mr. R.L. Jenkins, who conducted his distinguished visitors to his residence along the Zig-zag road, crossing the beautiful ravine formed by the steep banks of that portion of the Nepean River. The day was fine, and notwithstanding the heavy rain of the previous days, the road was good and the ford sufficiently low to allow the carriages to pass without difficulty. After a hurried refreshment most of the gentlemen drove to the rabbit warren of Mr. Wonson and remained there about two hours. The rabbits were numerous and run well, but they soon fell in great numbers before excellent shooting, his Royal Highness (who was supplied with two breech loaders) killing the most. After a late luncheon at Nepean Towers, where they were joined by the Hon. Sir William Macarthur, of Camden Park, and Captain Onslow, R.N., the Royal party returned to Sydney.

In 1883 Dr. Richard Lewis Jenkins died in Queensland and the Nepean Towers Estate was sold. To-day Park Hall / Nepean Towers is owned by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and is called St. Mary's Towers.

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Patricia Shephard
10 Feb.1992.

GENEALOGY OF COLONEL SIR THOMAS LIVINGSTON MITCHELL

Mitchell John, Shoremaster of, Grangemouth, Stirling, Scotland, born unknown married Janet, daughter of James Wilson of Edinburgh, Scotland, 27th June 1791 at Grangemouth, and died 1804 having by her, who died 25th April, 1836 at Laverock Lodge, Edinburgh, Scotland, issue

1. Thomas Livingston, born 15th June, 1792 Grangemouth, Stirling, arrived New South Wales, 27th September, 1827. He died 5th October, 1855, at "Carthona" Darling Point, Sydney, of pneumonia being buried St. Stephens C. of E. Cemetery, Camperdown NSW, having married Mary Thomson, daughter of General Sir Richard Blunt on the 10th June, 1818 at the English Church, Lisbon, Portugal, and who died 21st December, 1883 at 119 Macleay Street, Sydney, being buried Rookwood Cemetery, had issue by her

1. Georgiana Janet (Jessie) born 26th June, 1819, Dunstons Hotel, Lisbon, Portugal and who died 24th June, 1904 unmarried at Hyde Park, Middlesex, England.

2. Livingston (Livy) born 4th. March, 1821, Hampstead, England, died 26th. May, 1889 at St. Helier, Isle of Jersey, having married Catherine daughter of Lachlan MacAlister at "Clifton" Maldon NSW, on 21st September 1847, had issue of one son Roderick Murray, who died 20th October, 1877, Bombay, India, of Cholera.

3. Roderick (Roddy) Born 26th January, 1823 Hampstead England and who died unmarried, on 28th August, 1851, being drowned at sea.

4. Maria Born January, 1826, 10 Thistle Grove, Chelsea England and died 8th May, 1826 Hampstead England

5. Murray Born 24th January, 1828 Pitt Street, Sydney and died unmarried 16th. July, 1846 at Cooma NSW of unknown stomach and bowel condition.

6. Emily born 16th October, 1829 "Craigend" Woolloomooloo NSW, and who died 1st April, 1860, Kensington, England of inflammation of the lungs, having married 16th April, 1857 at St. Marks C. of E. Darling Point NSW George Edward Thicknesse-Touchet, Baron Audley of Heleigh Castle, Staffordshire, England, having issue Mary born 13th August, 1858 and Emily born 29th November, 1859.

7. Campbell (Cammy) born 24th July, 1831 "Craigend" Woolloomooloo NSW and who died unmarried 1st April, 1883 at 119 Macleay St, Redfern, of Cancer of the throat

8. Thomas Octavius (Tommy), born 15th June, 1833 "Crsigend" Woolloomooloo NSW and who died 17th May, 1869 in Elizabeth Street, Sydney of a self inflicted gunshot wound having married Belinda Theresa Downey.

9. Camilla Victoria (Millie) born 22nd May, 1835 "Craigend" Woolloomooloo NSW and who died 16th October, 1863, as a result of childbirth and was buried St. Stephen's C.of E. Cemetery, Camperdown, NSW, having married John Frederick Mann at St.Marks C.of E. Darling Point NSW, on the 16th April, 1857, and having issue Livingstone Frederick, Bentley Camilla Mitchell, Gother Victor Fyers, Mary Emily Blunt Alicia (Meba)

10. Richard Blunt (Dicky) born 13th September, 1837, 20 Craven St, Strand, England and who died unmarried 10th June, 1916 Edinburgh Scotland and was buried Dean Cemetery, Edinburgh, Scotland.

11. Alicia (Alice) born 13th May, 1839 "Shirley" Southampton England and who died 8th January, 1929 at "Carthona", Fleet, Hampshire, England having married 6th September, 1859 Philip Sicklemore Dauncey at St.Marks C.of E. Darling Point having issue Phillip Livingston, Thursby Henry, Charles Louis, Lucy Emily, Blanche Camilla, Alice Emily, John Murray, Campbell.

12. Blanche Nicholson born 4th January, 1843 "Lindesay" Darling Point NSW and who died unmarried 17th September, 1869 of Consumption at Neutral Bay and was buried St.Stephens C.of E. Cemetery Camperdown NSW.

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Article submitted by Mr. K. Williams.

DID YOU KNOW

PICTON POST & ADVOCATE.

January 16th 1907.

Miss Campbell of "Berkeley Lodge" has kept a record of tramps who called for relief during 1906, the number being 95. This is about one third of the number who used to call in previous years. Editor suggests the others may be rabbiting.

January 28th. 1899.

The Argyle Street bridge is taking shape and will do away with an ugly curve in the road, giving more access to the narrow turn to the road to The Oaks. The narrow turn has long been dreaded. The stone has been quarried locally and is of superior quality.

January 25th. 1899.

Alderman Connellan moved that the Government be asked to make a footway on the new Argyle Street Bridge, thus narrowing the carriageway. Other Aldermen disagreed, saying that the carriages were more important than pedestrians.

April 12th. 1899.

An interesting operation was performed by Doctor Fiaschi on four year old son of Mr. Alex Stewart of Goulburn. The boy had a penny stuck in his throat and x-rays were used for the first time to take a photo of the coin.

April 19th. 1899.

Fashionable wedding at St. Marks when Dr. Guildford Davidson of Brisbane was married to Miss Elsie Brown, daughter of Mr. Nugent Brown of Queensland. She was a granddaughter of Mr. J.M. Antill of Jarvisfield.

April 26th. 1899.

We are informed that Mr. P. Hewitt has obtained a grant to replace two bridges at the Pheasant's Nest Road. One was destroyed by flood and one by fire.

July 5th. 1899.

The latest scheme is to have a Central Railway Station bounded by Elizabeth, King, Castlereagh and Pitt Streets. The cost estimated at £1500.

July 26th. 1899.

Doctor William Rollins announces that x-rays can detect tuberculosis.

September 6th. 1899.

The new Picton Bridge is now being opened for traffic. The contractor will at once pull to pieces the old bridge which contains a vast amount of good useful timber and sell it by auction in lots.

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1 1/2 cups of self raising flour

1/2 teaspoon of salt.

3/4 cup of milk (or water).

Mix in a bowl with fork (stick) until stiff dough

Bake in a hot oven for 20 minutes

Always cut across the top of dough before putting in the oven.

CLEARING PARTIES

By Ken Williams

In the early 1820's, the method by which landowners cleared the land they were granted, was by utilising convict labour. The convicts were supplied by the Crown and known as clearing parties or clearing gangs.

One of the landholders in Douglas Park was Jean Baptiste Lehimas DeArrietta, who had 2000 acres adjoining Arthur Douglass's Hoare Town grant. DeArrietta's grant was separated from Hoare Town by Harris Creek and was known as Morton Park. (No "e" in Morton, the addition of the "e" was a common useage error). The clearing of the land was paid for at the rate of six bushels of wheat for every acre cleared. Returns were sent in at regular intervals by the gang overseers and these were used to calculate the amount of wheat owed.

The following has been extracted from The Historical Records of Australia, Volume 11, Page 659, and was a memo from Governor Brisbane to Under-Secretary Horton dated the 16th. June, 1825, setting out the guidelines and method of accounting for clearing party work performed.

The annexed memorandum of Clearing Parties will represent the general system by which they are guided, as well as their competency to maintain themselves without burdening the Government for their support.

From a perusal of the foregoing it will appear that the productive labour of the prisoners employed on the part of the Government is not only sufficient to support the capital advanced for their lodging, food, religious instructions and medical attendance, but likewise to afford an overplus to the Crown, independent of the result of the previous statement, from what I myself have reason to know, and from the representations of others, the labour, services and talents of the convicts are fully adequate to accomplish this desirable end in supporting their own maintenance, and producing frequently excessive favour of the Government.

To ensure this however at its maximum, an unremitting vigilance is absolutely indispensable to remove temptations as much as possible from the overseers and their men to do wrong and to thwart the numerous means they may employ to evade their work. The propriety of this strict surveillance is not only obvious from ensuring the benefit of their services but in producing a moral effect on their ideas and habits.

Amount of rations issued to 1160 men, the number in 50 clearing gangs allowing 23 men to be in each gang including the overseer at the rate of 12 pounds 8 shillings and twopence each man annually = 14,269 pounds 11 shillings and 8 pence. To amount of indulgences say 6 lb of sugar at 4 pence per lb., 1 1/2 lb. of tea at three shillings per lb., and 10 lb. of tobacco amounting for each gang annually 76 pound 10 shillings. Gratuity to overseers at 3 shillings and 6 pence per acre. Wear and tear of implements, 3 shillings and 6 pence per acre. amount of clothing, 2 suits per year each man. 2 pounds annually. Total 22,950 pounds.

Contra. By goods cleared in one year by the different gangs allowing 6 bushells wheat to be received for each acre cleared, each bushell valued at 8 shillings and 6 pence. 22,950 pounds.

It is noticed by omission that the landholder had to provide meat, vegetables, milk, bread etc etc.

A return sent in for the Liverpool Station lists DeArrieta as owing 198 bushells of wheat being for 23 men having cleared 33 acres in 135 days. The total for the station was 1320 bushells for 14 gangs clearing 220 acres in approximately 5 months.(1).

(1) C.S.P. 4/7014 Reel 6022 P.3,5.

A PRAYER FOR GENEALOGISTS

Lord, help me dig into the past
And sift the sands of time
That I might find the roots that made
This family tree of mine.
Lord, help me trace the ancient roads
On which my fathers trod
And led them through so many lands
To find our present sod.

Lord, help me find an ancient book
Or dusty manuscript
That's safely hidden now away
In some forgotten crypt;
Lord, let it bridge the gap that haunts
My soul when I can't find
The missing link between some name
That ends the same as mine.

Curtis Woods

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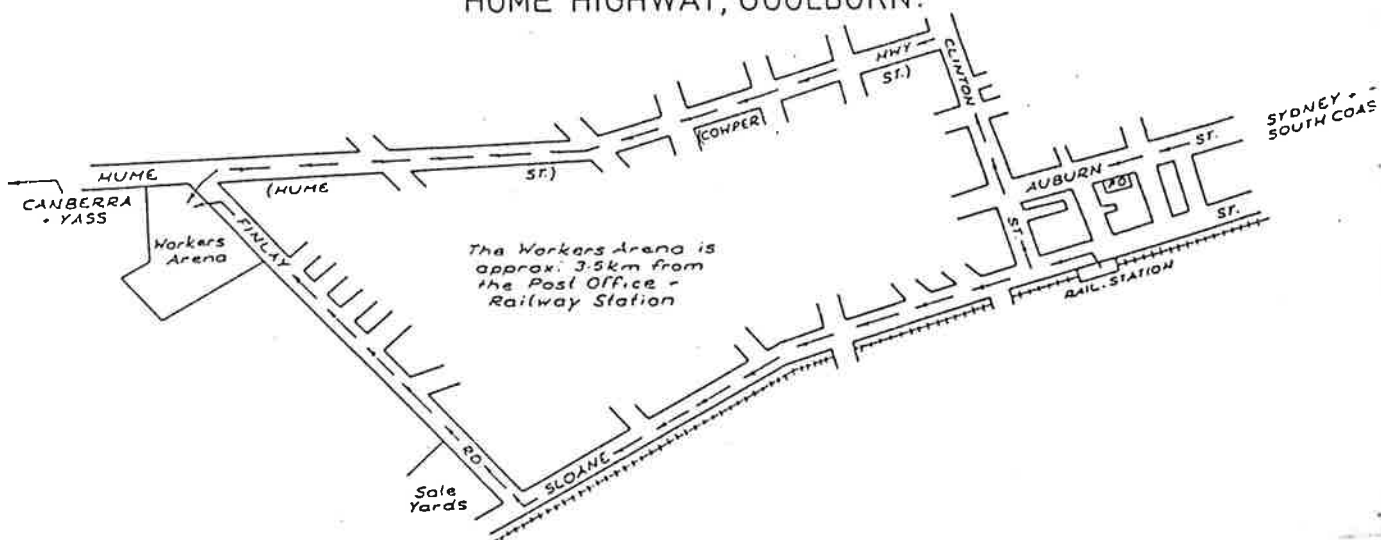
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